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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY *RTK*
SUBJECT: The Cabinet Committee Meeting on
Narcotics

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Walter Minnick from Bud Krogh's office came by to see me concerning the meeting this afternoon.

The issue relates to the narcotics intelligence function overseas -- particularly as it pertains to the overt side. Now BNDD has 115 agents overseas and customs has 8. The BNDD agents for the most part are not experienced (many are relatively new at the game and have performed principally police functions in the past) and do not have any language facilities. Their effectiveness suffers from these lacks. Customs on the other hand is a much larger agency to begin with with more experienced personnel and many with language facilities (Italian, French, and Spanish). Krogh wants to increase the number of customs agents overseas by 25, principally to help the BNDD get the job done.

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There is a bureaucratic and jurisdictional problem, as you know, between the BNDD and customs. To help resolve this, Krogh has in mind consolidation of customs and BNDD but this is closely held and because of bureaucratic and political consideration will not be raised until after the elections. He may have to allude to it at the meeting this afternoon to get support for an increase in the number of customs agents overseas.

customs and BNDD are all involved there is a major problem in getting a handle on all of the available intelligence -- there is no central machinery for this. Krogh has in mind a national narcotics intelligence center. A draft proposal for this is attached. Neither customs nor

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BNDD is aware of this proposal, and until it has been staffed out Krogh does not want to raise it because it could run into serious bureaucratic objections. It too would mean a consolidation of customs and BNDD. The draft proposal developed for the purpose is attached (it has not been circulated to anyone).

At my suggestion, Minnick will be contacting Andy Marshall to discuss the intelligence function further.

Attachment

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